



# LARC



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## President's Message

My year as President is coming to a close this month and first of all I wish to thank Larry Leblanc KE5KJD for accepting the duties of AARA President for 2014/2015. During 2013 our club experienced a number of changes. One area of concern is membership renewals. Not all of the drop can be attributed to attrition of older members. Perhaps we need to reconsider the policy of saving money by skipping the refreshments after our meetings. Sharing a meal together lent a social aspect to our gatherings and lead to making more congenial decisions by consensus rather than a simple majority. It is useful to consider how our activities are helpful to new hams and how they attract others to consider testing for a ticket. VE testing, under the leadership of Greg Dolan K5LFT, is an example of a useful service that directly impacts membership. This Spring we will not have a group graduating from a Children's Museum Class. Although understandable, that is an example of a missed opportunity.

In 2013 we made significant financial investments in a generator, the AMOS Van, antenna trailer safety, and a new two meter W5EXI repeater (replacing the 147.04 non-working repeater). Our current rotation of the AARA Monday night two-meter net, lead by Mark Saltzman W5GTI, among the three area repeaters (the 146.82, 147.040 and 145.37 machines) attests to the readiness of our local communications in an emergency. However, this net also provides a major service to new hams as they acquire low cost two meter radios among their first purchases.

Our operating activities have expanded this year largely due to the "Go-kit Day and Simplex Net Calendar" distributed at our 2013 Hamfest. Thanks are due to Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP for leading this effort which included activities at the farm of Ed Roy WA5TNK May 10 and August 31, "Hurricane Preparedness Day" at Home Depot July 27, and member participation in the K5DR Tabasco Special Event September 28-29. These new events were added to our regular activities of Field Day (at Rayne) June 22-23 (with prep days), the Tour-du-Teche Canoe Race October 4-6, Jamboree-on-the-Air with Cub Scouts October 20 (Mt. Bayou Camp), the Cajun Cup 10K Run November 9, and the Radio Merit Badge class November 23-26 (Mt. Bayou Camp). This abundance of activities provides variety but may include a danger of member burn-out.

I wish to thank those people who provided programs at our meetings this past year including: Roland Guidry NA5Q on DX contacts, Kris Wotipka KD5QYV on Wifi antennas and Raspberry Pi computers, Bob Norwillo on Jamboree-on-the-Air, and Andy Dugas KF5PAM and Bret Walker KF5PAL on "FPV" First Person View flying of RC model airplanes. Thanks are due to many others but I would like to especially thank Joy Breaux N5YCS and Rick Breaux N5RLM for their many years of service in the capacities of Treasurer, Hamfest Registration and Vendor Tables Coordinator, etc.; to Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Newsletter Editor, Club PIO & E-Mail Reflector and recently called "the glue" holding the AARA together; to Sandy KE5KJF (AARA Secretary) and Larry Leblanc for taking on the food (entrée) duty for the "After Hamfest Banquet" on Saturday March 22; and to Glen Thibodeaux for chairing the Hamfest.

I hope to see you all at the Hamfest in Rayne March 14-15, 2014.

Archie Hill W5AG  
AARA President

## NOTICE - MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The General March Meeting will be on Saturday March 22nd at 6:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.

This will be our "Hamfest Banquet" held on Saturday after our AARA Hamfest. It will be a "Covered Dish Affair", everyone is asked to bring some kind of dish, the club will furnish the main entrée and soft drinks.

At this meeting, we will install newly elected officers and have a hamfest report.

**No VE Testing - This was done at the Hamfest**

## F Y I

A few things I would like to mention at this time. Our AARA Hamfest is only a few days away and we are planning to make it one of the best ones yet but we will need help to make it possible. If you can volunteer to help our vendors unload and setup, I am sure they will appreciate your help.

If you have donations for door prizes or for the CQ Ladies Refreshments, please contact Paula Romero KF5CNS.

## AREA SILENT KEYS

(All will be Greatly Missed)



Keith Hendrick  
K5UFO, of Lafayette, Louisiana passed away on February 20, 2014.



Donald H. Milliken  
KC5JPG of Lafayette, Louisiana passed away on February 22, 2014.



LaVell Merritt,  
WB5ILX of Many, Louisiana passed away on February 22, 2014.



Charles Vernon  
KC5LTL of Lafayette, LA passed away on February 22, 2014.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### GENERAL MEETING

Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 PM  
Red Cross Building  
101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA.

### HAMFESTS

AARA 54<sup>th</sup> Hamfest 2014 (see page 3)  
Monroe Hamfest - April 5, 2014

### Local 2-Meter Nets

#### Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

#### Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net  
145.410 New Iberia, LA

#### Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

### AARA OFFICERS 2013-2014

**President** - Archie Hill - W5AG  
archibal@bellsouth.net  
**Vice Pres.** - Jess Gillion - KF5LUL  
**Secretary** - Sandy Leblanc - KE5KJF  
**Treasurer** - Joy BreauX - N5YCS

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Larry LeBlanc - KE5KJD  
Glen Thibodeaux - KF5FNP  
Nick Romero - KE5MWX  
Abigail Wilson - KF5BEW

#### QSL MANAGER

Roland Guidry - NA5Q

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American Red Cross Building, 101  
North Pat Street, Scott, LA

## FEBRUARY AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2014

### CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Archie Hill opened the meeting.
- Herman KN5GRK led the prayer and all said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Greg Dolan K5LFT, in charge of VE Testing, reported that Brian Haupt passed his Technician, Dustin Royer passed his General, and William Romero KE5IJD upgraded to General. Helping with the exams were Greg Dolan K5LFT, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Archie Hill W5AG, Steve Mahler KF5VH and Mark Saltzman W5GTI.

**Minutes:** The January minutes were not read as they were posted in the February LARC. The minutes were accepted as published.

**Financial Report:** Joy BreauX N5YCS gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Nick Romero KE5MWX, seconded by Tom Dischler W5OHJ, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

**New Business:** Election of Officers for 2014-2015:

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Larry LeBlanc, Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Galen Wilson KF5BET, and Paula Romero KF5CNS. Chairman Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD of the Nominating Committee gave the following report:

**President** - Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD

**Vice President** - Jess Gillion KF5LUL

**Secretary** - Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF

**Treasurer** - Archie Hill W5AG

**Youth Member at Large** - Kendra Wilson KF5FYS

**Board Member** - Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP

**Board Member** - Paula Romero KF5CNS

**Board Member** - James Faulk KF5AHM

**Newsletter Editor / Club Public Information Officer** - Herman Campbell KN5GRK

**Webmaster & QSL Mgr.** - Roland Guidry NA5Q

The new officers will be installed at the Banquet Meeting on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 6:00 PM the week-end following the AARA Hamfest.

**T-Shirts:** Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF delivered the T-shirts. Everyone was pleased with the shirt design. Anyone wanting to order a T-shirt can contact Sandy LeBlanc. I will make another order after the Hamfest. When we order in quantity, we save in shipping.

**Hamfest:** After some discussion, a motion by Tom Dischler W5OHJ, seconded by Jess Gillion KF5LUL, the club voted to purchase a projector to be used for the Hamfest.

**Bingo:** Weston Hebert KB5WI reported on the Bingo for the Hamfest. Weston also picked up prizes that some members donated for the Bingo.

**Sweet Shop:** Paula Romero KF5CNS will handle the Sweet Shop and drinks for the Hamfest. She is asking for donations of sweets or home canned goods. Paula needs ice chests for drinks.

**Presentation:** President Archie Hill W5AG introduced Brett Walker KF5PAL of Opelousas, who has his Amateur Extra license and Andrew Dugas KF5PAM of Washington, who has his Amateur Extra license. They needed and obtained their ham license to be able to use the radios for their hobby to use remote video control (FPV) of cars, planes, boats and helicopters. Their presentation was excellent and was much enjoyed by all. Thank you for a very informative presentation. Come back again!!!

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF  
AARA Secretary 2014

### AARA Membership Drive:

To renew your membership or become a member of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) download a membership form at:  
[http://www.w5ddl.org/aara\\_membership\\_appl.pdf](http://www.w5ddl.org/aara_membership_appl.pdf)

## Northeast Louisiana Regional Ham Radiofest

Sponsored by Twin City Ham Club

**Date:** Saturday, April 5, 2014

**Place:** Barak Shrine Temple

Just off I-20 in Monroe near exit 120. Just head East on Frontage Road, pass up Sam's Warehouse, and go approximately 1 mile.

**Time:** 8:00 AM - til

**Admission:** \$5.00

**Talk-in:** 146.850 MHz

**VE Testing:** 9:00 AM

### Grand Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Alinco DX-SR9T/E

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** MFJ 259B RF Analyzer

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Kenwood TM-281A 2 Meter Mobile 65 watt

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** LDG Z-100 Plus Antenna Tuner

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize:** WOUXUN KG-UV3D-2/UHF 2 meter/440 VHF/ Handheld

**Tables:** \$10 each - With power \$20

**Door Prize tickets:** 1-\$1.00, 6-\$5.00, 25-\$20.

See our website for more info & updates.

**Website:** [www.w5ea.org](http://www.w5ea.org)

## February 6<sup>th</sup> VE Test Results

Brian Haupt of Lafayette, LA received his Technician License and callsign KG5AFW.

Dustin Royer of DeQuincy, LA received his General License and callsign KG5AFY.

William Romero KE5IJD of Lafayette, LA upgraded to General Class

VE's were: Greg Dolan II K5LFT, Archie Hill W5AG, Steve Mahler KF5VH, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Mark Saltzman W5GTI and Galen Wilson KF5BET.



FlexRadio Systems donated at Flex 1500 Software Defined Radio (SDR) 160 - 6 Meter (thanks to Lisa) to be included as 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Prize at our 54<sup>th</sup> AARA Delta Division Conference Hamfest. (Monitor not included)



## 54<sup>th</sup> ACADIANA HAMFEST ARRL DELTA DIVISION CONVENTION

Sponsored by: *Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.*

**Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, 2014**

**Admission: Pre-registration \$4.00**

**At door \$5.00 per person for both days (includes 1 raffle ticket)**

**Talk-in: W5DDL 146.820 (pl turned off)**

**Location:** Rayne Civic Center, 300 Frog Festival Drive, Rayne, LA 70578

**Friday:** 5:00 PM-8:00 PM Hamfest Open - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Crawfish Boil & Fais Do-Do (French Music & Dancing). Wouff Hong Ceremony after the Crawfish Boil.

**Saturday:** 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Hamfest Open to Public

**The 54<sup>th</sup> AARA Hamfest is dedicate to the memory of Keith Hendrick - K5UFO (see article on page 4).**

### CONFIRMED MANUFACTORS & FACTORY REPRESENTTIVES:

**KENWOOD U.S.A.** (New - First Time) **EXPERT AMPS U.S.A** (New - First Time)  
**MFJ ENTERPRISES** (New - First Time) **RADIOWAVZ ANTENNAS** (New - First Time)  
**FLEX RADIO** (Here next year 2015)

### CONFIRMED DEALERS:

**MAIN TRADING COMPANY** (New - First Time) **HUB CITY AMATEUR RADIO SALES**  
**PALMETTO ANTENNAS** **SIGN MAN OF BATON ROUGE**  
**GIFTS4HAMS/PLAQUES** **M<sup>C</sup>M COMPUTERS**  
**ELECRAFT** **WALTER CORK (SURPLUS ELECTONICS)**  
**FRANK KRIZE (SURPLUS TUBES & PARTS)** **POLES & THINGS (W3ARS SURPLUS POLES)**

### 8 Prizes Totaling Over \$4,00 in Main Raffle Prizes

**Grand Prize:** Yaesu FTDX 1200 (100W HF/50 MHz) **5<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Astron RS-35M Power Supply  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Flex Radio 1500 **6<sup>th</sup> Prize:** SignalLink™ USB Sound Card  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Kenwood TM-V71A (Dual Band Mobile) **7<sup>th</sup> Prize:** MFJ OCF Dipole Antenna  
**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** MFJ 269 Antenna Analyzer **8<sup>th</sup> Prize:** ARRL 1 Year Membership

**Need not be present to win the Main Prizes**

**Raffle Tickets:** 1@\$1.00, 6@\$5.00, 15@\$10.00, 25@\$15.00, 35@\$20.00, 50@\$25.00, 125@\$50.00, 275@\$100.00, 350@\$125.00, 500@\$150.00, 750@\$200.00, 1500@\$250.00

**Plus door prizes awarded each half hour Saturday throughout the day.**

(Must be present to win door prizes)

**VE Testing** - Saturday 9:00 AM in the Green Room

**Ladies Bingo** - Saturday 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon

**DXCC Card Checking** - 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

**Tailgating** - Free (*in designated area*) in front of main building parking lot.

**Radio Testing Table** - (wattmeter, dummy load, power supply) to check out your purchases - buy with confidence)

**Forums** - ARRL / ARES - Louisiana Contest Club - FLDIGI - MARS - Ladies YL Group - Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs - AMSAT

**Guest Speakers** - ARRL Mike Corey K1IU - SKYPE Presentation by Bob Heil K9EID (Heil Sound Equipment) - Delta Division Director David Norris K5UZ.

A detailed schedule of events for Friday and Saturday can be found on our Hamfest Flyer at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

### Refreshments: Café CQ MENU

**Friday** - Chicken & Sausage Gumbo w/Potato Salad, Homemade Hamburgers, Sausage Poboys.

**Saturday (Breakfast 0700)** - Coffee Plain Biscuits & Sausage Biscuits.

**Saturday (Lunch 1100)** - Chicken & Sausage Gumbo w/Potato Salad, Homemade Hamburgers and/or Sausage Poboys.

**Coffee, Soft Drinks, Iced Tea & Water Available All Day**

**Ladies Hi Q SWEETS** (AARA Club Ladies)

**On Friday Evening & Saturday**, the Hi Q Sweets Ladies will be serving a variety of Homemade Cookies, Cakes, Brownies, Fudge, etc., Can Soft Drinks (regular and diet), Bottled Water and Coffee.

**Check our website for directions and information at:**  
**[w5ddl.org/hamfest/](http://w5ddl.org/hamfest/)**





## February Meeting Presentation

Bret Walker KF5PAL and Andrew Dugas KF5PAM presented our club with a really nice demonstration of their hobby of radio controlled model planes, helicopters and land vehicles equipped with on-board video cameras with great video graphics and GPS.

Bret and Andrew had to obtain their amateur radio licenses in order to use 2 way remote control of their vehicles. Some of the vehicles have on-board cameras which give the operators a cockpit view of the terrain they are flying over, just like behind the "stick" and can operate over a six mile radius. Using goggles type headgear with a built-in video moni-

tor, they can see where they are flying. The GPS system plots the plane as it leaves the take-off point and remembers all the tracking. In case it gets off course or low on batteries, it will fly itself back to take-off point.

This was a truly amazing presentation and if you didn't make the meeting, you missed a good one.

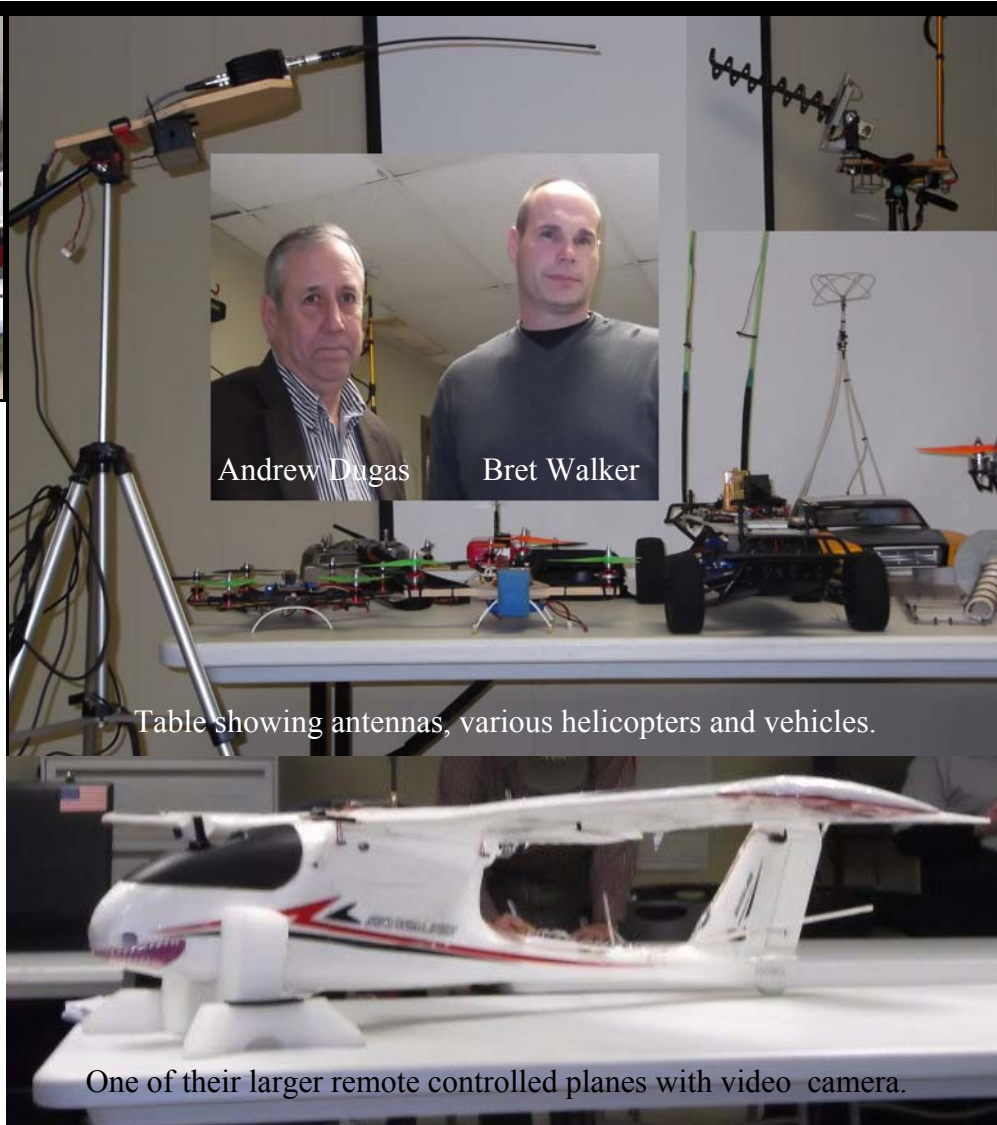


Table showing antennas, various helicopters and vehicles.

One of their larger remote controlled planes with video camera.



## Keith Hendrick– K5UFO Silent Key

A great loss to the Acadiana amateur ham radio community with the passing of Keith Hendrick K5UFO on February 20, 2014. Keith was a avid ham radio operator with stations at his QTH, workplace (Service Communications) and camp in Butte LaRose. He was first licensed at the age of 11 with the call WA5ISZ.

Keith owned and operated Service Communications in Broussard, Louisiana selling and service Motorola commercial 2 way radios. He also helped out by repairing some of the local ham operators with their gear. He also owned and operated the 145.410 K5BLV repeater in Lydia, Louisiana. Keith loved his fishing and attending many of the hamfests. He was also a Net Control Station (NCS) for the Louisiana Post Office Net which meets each Sunday at 7:00 AM on 3905 KHz.

Keith was 63 years old when he passed away on February 20, 2014. Services were held on Monday, February 24 at Delhomme Funeral Home in Lafayette.

**The 54<sup>th</sup> AARA Acadiana Hamfest this year (March 14 & 15, 2014) is dedicated to the memory of Keith. We will miss him greatly.**

## FEBRUARY 2014 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	31	Ø	72	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	76	Ø	142	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	3	24	Ø	42	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	30	3	80	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	3	25	1	44	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

“Faith is why I'm here today and faith is why I made it through.”

— Jonathan Anthony Burkett

### AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI the net control station for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. Here is the March 2014 schedule.

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
March 3	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
March 10	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
March 17	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
March 24	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
March 31	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The March 2014 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

[http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday\\_net.pdf](http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday_net.pdf)

**Notice:** On the January 13<sup>th</sup> Monday Night Net, Mark made a offer that goes like this:

The top 10 check-ins on the Monday Night AAARA Net during 2014 will get their call/name entered into a drawing and they will receive a Chinese import dual band handi-talkie paid for by Mark W5GTI. **HOW ABOUT THAT?** So be sure to check into the net and thanks to Mark in keeping the net active.

### New Louisiana Section Manager

On April 1, 2014, Jim Molan KD5IGG of Bunkie will succeed Jim Coleman AI5B as ARRL Louisiana Section Manager. Coleman decided not to run again after serving a 2 year term, and Molan was the only candidate. Molan brings to the office his experience as Assistant Section Manager, Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator, and District Emergency Coordinator.

Please support Jim Molan in any way you can as he takes on this new responsibility.

### AARA



### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

3/7	JACKIE	KF5PCH
3/9	DAVID	WN5V
3/13	JESS	KF5LUL
3/16	KK5EWB	INGO
3/19	TERRY	N5QWA
3/31	JOHN	NØJA
4/1	MARK	W5GTI
4/3	JAMES	KF5AHM
4/6	KE5JXC	ARNOLD
4/7	KB5NRO	GLISSON

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

### Daylight Saving Time Change

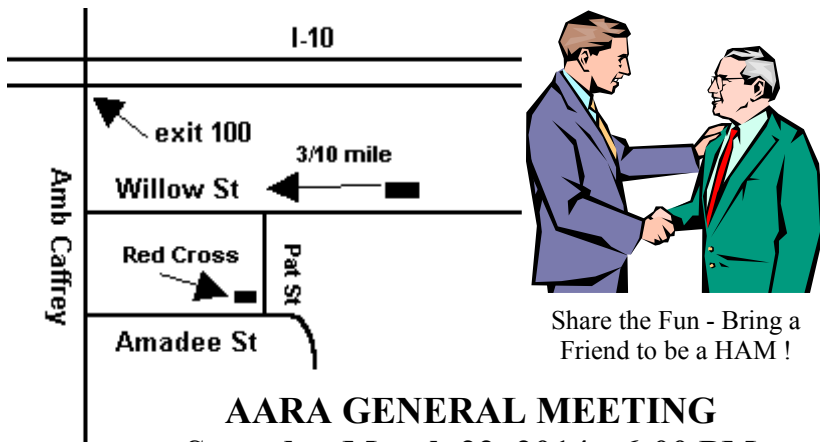
**Sunday March 9, 2014  
2:00 AM**

**Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.**  
**P. O. Box 51174**  
**Lafayette, LA 70505-1174**



Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>

Hamfest website: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>



**AARA GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday March 22, 2014 - 6:00 PM**  
**No VE Testing Tonight**  
**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**  
**Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM**  
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA  
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY  
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## PAUL'S FISH BOULETTES (BALLS)

by Paul Scallan K5VSH

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| A. 3 lb. Boneless fish (firm fish is better) | G. 11 Beaten Egg                      |
| B. 1-1/2 lb Peeled Irish Potatoes            | H. 1 TSP. Dried Parsley               |
| C. 4 Cloves of Chopped Garlic                | I. Tony's Creole Seasoning (to taste) |
| D. 1 Large Chopped Onion                     | J. Cooking Oil                        |
| E. 1/4 Bunch of Green Onion Tops             | K. A little all purpose flour         |
| F. 1 Stalk of Chopped Celery                 |                                       |

Boil potatoes until soft and mash (or use instant). Boil fish a short time, until rawness is out and drain. Break fish into pieces or grind or smash. Sauté the onions, garlic, and celery, in a little oil, until translucent. Mix all ingredients together and form into balls or cakes (about 1-1/2" dia.), and coat with flour, breadcrumbs, or panko.

Place about 1" of oil in a Dutch oven and bring up to 350°F. Place balls in hot oil and cook until brown: then turn over and cook the other side. Place on paper towels to drain.

\*\*\*Note: "Fish" to potato ratio should be 2 parts fish to 1 part mashed potato.

\*\*\*Note: This same recipe' can be used with shrimp, crab, crawfish, or any combination.

\*\*\*Note: Some people like to make a thick tomato/onion gravy and then smother the fried fish balls in the gravy, then serve over rice.

\*\*\*Note: The tomato gravy can be made with onions and sugar for a "sweet tomato gravy" or by adding roux to the tomato gravy.

## FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245